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Staff meeting.

Georges Carlier, whom I had known when he was in the Belgian secret intelligence service and who is now Counselor of the Belgian Embassy here, came to see me this morning.

Maurice Nègre, head of Agence France Presse, called on me this morning. He is an old friend. I found him pessimistic about the possibilities of political stability in France.

John Hightower talked to me about some of the pending foreign policy problems.

The Secretary, in reply to the presentation to him by the employees of the Department of his Cabinet chair, made a stirring and felicitous address this morning to thousands of Department members who were gathered in the brilliant spring-like sunshine in the square at the back of the building.

I had lunch with Bill Martin in his office at the Federal Reserve Board together with the Dean of the Foreign Service Institute. Chris Herter is unable to continue his work with the Foundation because of his new duties as Governor of Massachusetts. They wanted me to take Chris's place as President or as Chairman of it but I excused myself on the ground that my future plans were too uncertain and made several suggestions of people to occupy the position.

I had my last briefing today on economic matters from Messrs. Linder, Schaetzl and Sohn.

Walter Lippmann came to see me and we ranged over a good many topics, including UN, the headquarters of which he thinks should be removed from

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the United States and located in an internationalized and neutralized Austria.

Henrik de Kauffmann visited me to talk about what he should do further in the Danish ship matter. He has already discussed it with Senator Wiley and now will do so with Senator Fulbright.

I gave a dinner tonight for Dean at the Alibi. There were eighteen of us in all and we had quite an evening. I rode home with Chip but got diverted to the Joyces' house where we found a small company and I finally got to bed about 3:00 o'clock this morning.

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